**First Circular, IIW-15**

***XV International Ichnofabric Workshop, convened by Radek Mikuláš***

***Prague, Czechia, April 27th to May 3rd, 2019***

We don’t have to wait for an International Ichnofabric Workshop to 2021. **The next one (i.e., the 15th) will take place in PRAGUE, CZECHIA, between April 26th and May 3rd, 2019!** I came to the decision to offer the time and place for the Workshop after thorough discussions with several people I put my trust in.

 What the workshop can offer to you? Type areas of *Asterosoma*, *Bergaueria*, *Pragichnus*, coal mining cores of Carboniferous, Permian, Cretaceous and Neogene, clastic Ordovician with shales, greywackes, sandstones and ferrolites of many variabilities; tuffaceous shallow-water Silurian with surprising density and size of traces, Devonian Zoophycos ichnofabric and many others. It would be nice to visit also some archaeological site having a strong ichnofabric context which, however, depends on good luck. We will probably avoid the Carpathian part of Czechia as it has been partly covered with Alfred Uchman and his 2nd (2008) Ichnia.

 I think it is not necessary to explain what the participants shall bring as the topic of their talks, posters or samples. Dozens of projects related to ichnology are running on each of the continents, and since 1991 ichnologists have always found enough news to share them with the community. I can ask you to bring rather novel and less studied problems; but I know that the participants are the the first who aim to be original and novel.

***Venue and accommodation***

 It has always appeared practical during rather small but coherent ichno-workshops to stay altogether. After all, I selected the Vila Lanna ( <http://www.vila-lanna.cz/index.html> ) which is a quiet place near the historical city center. If, for some reason, a participant would prefer stay elsewhere, it will be necessary (but not impossible) to calculate his/her special budget. Vila Lanna will provide accommodation, catering and nice lecture hall.

**Organizing Structure**

***Convenor***

Radek Mikuláš (Institute of Geology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Praha).

***Regional Geology Board + Field Trip Co-Leaders***

Karel Mach (Tertiary, Most Basin), Martin Košťák (Bohemian Cretaceous Basin), Olda Fatka (Cambrian of the Bohemian Massif), Petr Kraft (Ordovician of the Bohemian Massif), Petr Budil (Silurian and Devonian), Karel Martínek (Carboniferous to Triassic), Lenka Lisá (Quaternary).

***International Advisory Board***

Gabriela Mángano, Luis Buatois, Andrew K. Rindsberg, Lothar H. Vallon + who is willing to help, please let me know!

***Presentations and extended abstracts***

Standard talks and posters are planned; we hope to issue an extended Abstract Book (up to 4 pages including graphics). The format will be given in the 2nd Circular.

***Accounting, accommodation, travel***

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***Provisional schedule:***

April 26, 2019. Arrive to Prague.

April 27-28, 2019. Pre-workshop field trips (with the return to Prague by night).

April 29-30. Talk and poster sessions.

May 1. Intra-workshop field trip.

May 2. Talk and poster sessions; evening: Workshop Dinner.

May 3, morning: Talks, general discussions; afternoon: departure from Prague.

??? May 4 – 7: Post-workshop field trip ??? Chiefly Lower Paleozoic, Cretaceous, Oligocene, Miocene. **I**n the countryside of the Czech Republic, occasional accommodation. Please note your interest.

**Contact and Information**

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***Pre-registration deadline.*** December 16, 2018. Please pre-register **as soon as possible** to Radek (mikulas@gli.cas.cz). We will try to keep the costs reasonable; thereby, we should approximately know the number of participants.

***Second circular*.** February, 2019.

***Abstract deadline.*** March 15, 2019.

***Third circular*.** April 10, 2019.

See (some of) you in Prague the next year!

Radek